

Public Workshop for:  
BR 2-195A ON WEST RAILROAD AVE OVER ISAAC BRANCH  
Caesar Rodney High School, Camden, Delaware  
August 16, 2012, 4pm – 7pm

WORKSHOP SUMMARY  
Date: August 16, 2012

A public workshop for the Br. 2-195A project was held on August 16, 2012, at Caesar Rodney High School in Camden. The following staff members represented DelDOT:

- Percy McNeil
- Jason McCluskey
- Scott Walls
- Scott Neidert
- Louise Holt
- Terri Cooke
- Monica LeBlanc

There were a total 11 people who attended the workshop according to the Department's Sign-In sheet. Based on discussions with the attendees and responses on the comment forms, we offer the following summary:

SUMMARY

The meeting was carried out in a somewhat informal manner. Discussions were held among Project Team members and the attendees as they arrived and walked among the displays. A "formal" presentation was not necessary due to the flow of the people being well spread out and the detailed discussions that were had with each resident as they made their way through the boards. The residents were updated on the project scope and schedule. The potential impacts to traffic and the detour plan were explained thoroughly. The design documents are scheduled to be completed by the end of March (2013), with the advertisement and bidding process to follow. Construction should begin in the late summer/early fall of 2013, and should last between 30 and 60 days. The biggest concern from the residents was about the detour and duration of construction. A few of the residents were worried that the road closure for our project would be drawn out like Br. 2-208C, which had recently been re-opened. It was explained that Br. 2-208C was not a typical replacement, but was closed because of an emergency. Since Br. 2-195A is a scheduled replacement project it should run more smoothly and will only be closed for up to 60 days.

There were a few residents that are business partners and share ownership of an antique shop. Their group is in the process of buying the mill adjacent to Br. 2-195, and they are planning on relocating their store to the mill. We discussed our construction schedule, and explained that there is no way to phase the construction in order to allow thru traffic. We did explain that it will be possible to maintain access to the mill, but there can be no traffic through our construction area during the project. The owners were satisfied with our explanation and were going to look into the possibility of delaying the move into the mill location until after the Br. 2-195 project.

In summary, the project was very well-received by the residents that attended. It seems that as long as the road closure is less than the 60-day commitment we gave, those in attendance will have no problem with the bridge replacement project.

We had only one comment form filled out at the workshop or returned by September 19th. The comment and response are shown below. We also launched a virtual workshop. There were no comments from the virtual workshop.

Comments:

Dawn Melson-Williams submitted the following comment:

As a member of the Board of Trustees for Wyoming United Methodist Church, I note the following:

Church is located in the Town of Wyoming and served by Wyoming Police Department and Camden-Wyoming Fire Department. With the Road closure, coordination for emergency response with the Dover Police Dept. and Dover Fire Company is suggested due to detour length. Church Staff can probably offer tours of facility to assist in knowledge of facility, prior to responses needs. Church is located on Wyoming Mill Road just north of the bridge project.

Response from DelDOT:

DelDOT will contact emergency services in Camden-Wyoming and Dover, and provide them with a copy of the approved detour plan so they may decide the best path forward regarding emergency response to the properties north of Br. 2-195 on Wyoming Mill.